

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 10 and 17 have been amended. Claims 4 and 13 remain cancelled. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-18 are pending and under consideration.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-12, and 14-16 were allowed. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of these claims.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 10 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph as being indefinite because of the recitation "a central apparatus", which central apparatus has no connection to the preamble. Applicant amends claims 10 and 17 herewith to overcome this rejection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

On page 2 of the Office Action, claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0050976 by Block et al. (hereinafter "Block").

Applicant traverses the rejection of claim 18 because Block fails to teach or suggest every feature recited in claim 18.¹ In the Office Action mailed on December 16, 2005, relative to this application, the Examiner admitted that Block does not teach a timer unit and "a processor of a central apparatus is further capable of performing an operation of extracting commodity information from a commodity database according to a chronological value, based on date-and-time information of the theme information and the date-and-time information output from the timer unit." The portions of Block indicated in the outstanding Office Action as anticipating claim 18, disclose schedule information, including time information, but not a timer. Therefore, Block fails to teach or suggest "a value representing date and time as related to date-and-time data pertaining to theme information of the community site and **date-and-time information provided**

¹ See MPEP 2131: "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference," (Citations omitted) (emphasis added). See also MPEP 2143.03: "All words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against the prior art."

information provided by a timer" (emphasis added) as recited in claim 18. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the anticipation rejection directed to claim 18.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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